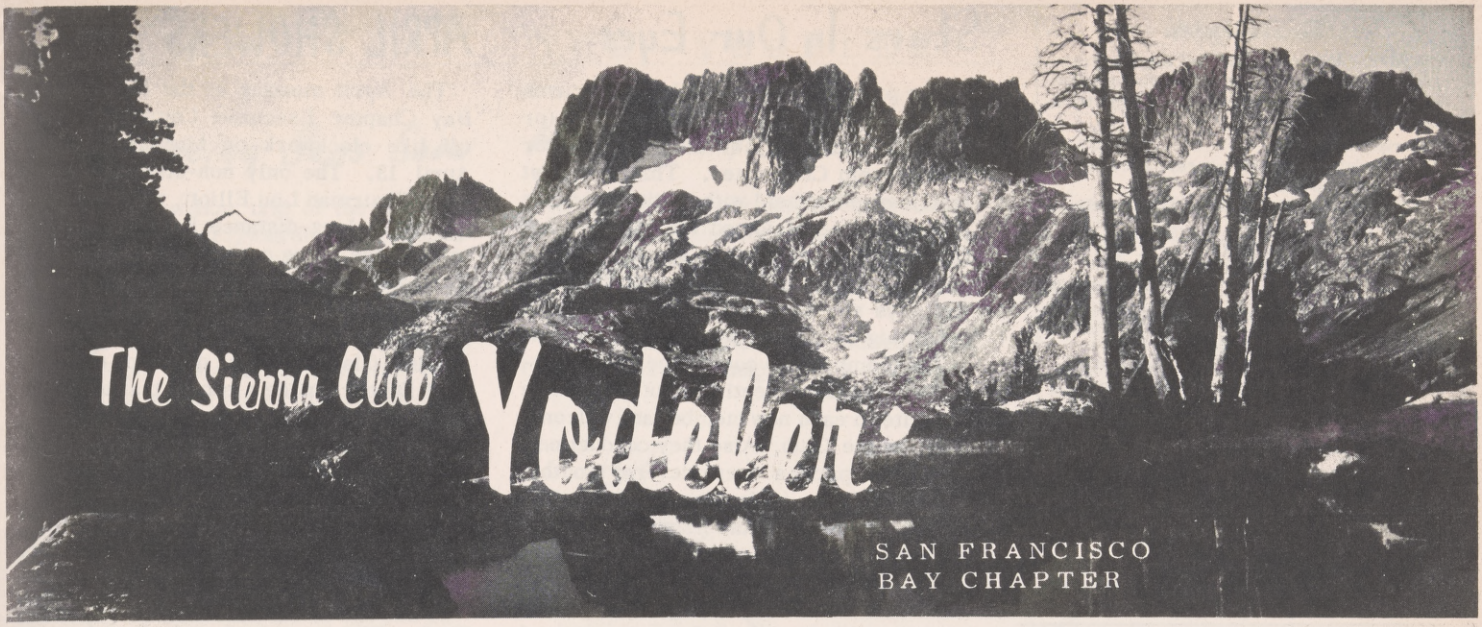


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## Resolution Attacks Wilderness Bill

A group of eight State Senators from northern counties have introduced a Joint Resolution, S.R. 17, which in the official summary "memorializes the United States Congress to withhold all legislative action sanctioning the designation of Federal Land as Wilderness areas until the National Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission can present its recommendations."

This is an attempt to undermine the Wilderness Bill and is particularly disturbing from California, which is supposed to set an example to other states.

The arguments used are that the Wilderness Bill could endanger tax returns and could prevent development of the multiple uses of such lands. The resolution states that the bill could include 17 million acres, 17 percent of California, which would be lost to the State. Now the Conservation Year Book gives the entire combined acreage of all National Parks and Monuments, National Forest Service Wild, Wilderness and Primitive areas in California as less than 6 million acres, much of which is not wilderness and never will be. The eight senators probably know this as well as we do, hence that word "could" in the resolution, but which of the legislators in the hurry of business will note the difference between "could" and "would"?

Once again our senators should hear the truth from their constituents—no new wilderness is created by the Wilderness Bill; it only protects what is already there. If opponents are using these tactics to stall the Wilderness Bill, it is time we had

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## Heading For the Last Write-Up

With the close of business this issue, I keep my promise to resign the position of Yodeleditor. The exec committee contemplates having guest editors for the next few issues. These guests deserve our gratitude—it is certainly a job I wouldn't want without a lot of previous staff experience.

Way back in 1953, I think, I heard former editor Barbara Tilden mention how she needed help, so I just started showing up and eventually got listed as a staff member. I remember those first days with the old mimeograph—it took about 6 passes through the machine to get every sheet printed, and then we had the same problem with the other side.

On to proofreading—no matter how often and how carefully I'd check the stencil, I'd still find some errors for the first time when my Yodeler arrived in the mail. I'd inherit other jobs as staff members quit, and that's how I got to be editor.

It's been a lot of fun. Seeing my name and what I had to say in print, the sociability with the other staffers, receiving compliments from those who liked my work (and occasionally criticism from the few who were willing to say they didn't like it), the satisfaction of feeling I was really doing something worthwhile for the club—all this has been truly rewarding.

But it's work too, for all the staff, but especially for the editor. For no material reward other than a free subscription after becoming editor, for nearly 6 years I almost never missed an issue except for 2 months in '54 and '58 when I was in Europe, regardless of other attractions on Yodelernites, regardless of how dead tired I might have been from a rugged Sierra week-end. As you pay your $2 for a subscription give a thought to how much more the staff devotes to bringing you The Yodeler.

Well, that's it! If I'm seen again in these columns it will be as a non-staff contributor. After all this time it's with a feeling of nostalgia and a bit of sadness as for the last time I sign off with the initials —HF

## Election Day at the Club Office

This might almost be called old-timers day, for most of the volunteers who count the votes are members of long standing and have gathered at the Club office on many a previous election day.

Four thousand envelopes are waiting in the big ballot box. They are opened by machine, the contents dumped on the long center table and all twenty members of the Election Committee go to work sorting the directors ballot from the lists of amendments. Ballots are stapled together in rows for easy reading and tally sheets are made out for the counting of votes.

The helpers divide into pairs, each checking the other as strokes go up in fives on the tally sheets. The final half hour, when tally sheets are brought up to the adding machines, is of course the high point of the day, but before the totals are made out all the discarded envelopes are checked once more to make sure that no ballots have been missed.

The final figures are listed, the Executive Director reports the results to the President, and another election day is over. —CMC

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## Conservation (Cont.)

protection for the little wilderness we now have. —CMC

Emerald Bay — The Senate Concurrent Resolution in favor of the low level highway seems to be pushing its way steadily through the Assembly. It cleared the Committee hearing 8-6 (one vote wavered and then came down on the wrong side!). It will most probably be passed by the Assembly tomorrow (April 21) in spite of protests. This is not a bill, which must still be debated and passed, but resolutions grease the wheels of bills waiting in the background and give incentive to State Commissions to act if they so desire. In this case both the State Park Commission and the Highway Commission have agreed that the matter needs further study. No hasty action in the Legislature should take place before the study is completed. —CMC

## New Directors

All the incumbent directors were re-elected: Nathan Clark, Charlotte Mauk, Bestor Robinson and William Siri. The fifth director elected is George Marshall (Angeles Chapter). He will bring to the Board great experience in wilderness conservation and most useful knowledge of affairs in the eastern states, where he lived until recently. All amendments to the Sierra Club Bylaws were adopted by the required two-thirds majority. —CMC

KEEP CALIF. GREEN & GOLDEN

Ever see green snow? That is what the folks in the Squaw Valley, Truckee, Reno area are expecting in 1960, as the currency piles up in drifts, according to —The Wall St. Journal

## Stars In Our Eyes

Our portfolio of human relations focuses this week on Joanne Evers, Chairman (or perhaps Chairlady) of the Bay Chapter Membership Committee. This is a post that Joanne has held with distinction since last June. She joined the Membership Committee several years ago.

Our subject is an avid rock climber, and says she has been making little ones out of big ones for a couple of years now.

The membership committee has no formally scheduled meetings, but they phone or write to each new member and welcome them to the Club. Also they conduct new members' parties every several months.

Joanne lives in fashionable Montclair (the Hillsborough of the Eastbay) with her husband Don, whom she met through Club rock climbing activities. Our gal attended San Francisco State College, then moved over to Calif. U. in Berkeley and graduated as a B.A. (summa cum laude).

There are 5 members on the Chapter Membership Committee. Joanne describes this group as "An excellent committee which works very hard to reach the goals set by the Chairman." These members are Nancy Clark, Don Evers, Russell Jaillite, Alice Higgins, and Oscar Ortiz.

Mrs. Evers is a rarity in these parts—a native of San Francisco—and presently works for Will Siri in the Donner Laboratory on the Berkeley campus.

A salute, therefore, to Joanne Evers, one of the many feminine members behind the scenes, doing a good job in Sierra Club activities. —EDB

## When In Doubt--Don't

The Natural Science Section was well warned against some of the perils of kindness at the monthly meeting on Friday, April 17, when Dr. Harald Johnson of the State Dept. of Public Health spoke on "People, Wildlife, and Disease."

We pass it on to all who walk trails and camp in the wild. Rabies is widespread, though dormant in many areas. The small spotted skunk is thought to be particularly subject. If you see any sick animal, don't touch it. If you see several sick animals, report it to the rangers or county health authorities. The term animals includes bats, but not birds.

Rabies is not the only danger. Mice have become so numerous in parts of the low Sierra that some of the streams are polluted and it is wise to boil stream water even in the wild areas.

—CMC

## APRIL SHOWERS

The April meeting of the Sierra Club Bay Chapter Executive Committee went off like clockwork on Monday evening, April 13. The only non-attendees were Vice-Chairman Lou Elliott, who was conducting a long-distance River Trip, and missed the plane connection to S.F. Ivan Tarnowski was caught with a last year's Calendar, and showed up 2 days late for l'affair magnifique.

Miss Claudia Owen, queen of the Annual Dinner, made a report that all plans for this event, to take place Saturday, April 25, at the "Village" in S.F., were being finalized by the committee in charge, and promised a good time will be had by all.

Phil Faulconer spoke on the Club Youth Program, stating that he recently led 27 of our youngsters on a Hike at Tilden Park. Phil came back with about 6 more kids than he went out with, but that was understandable, as they were gone quite a while. The problems of getting more junior members actively engaged in Club activities was discussed by the Committee.

The Club is still scouting around for a permanent Hospitality Chairman. Mrs. Ned Robinson is serving in this capacity temporarily (but temporarily can't be forever).

The sponsor of the next Snow Queen Ball this November will again be the Bay Area Ski Federation.

A possible site for the next Club Chapter Day in October was discussed by the group.

A report was given on the recently held weekend Wilderness Conference, sponsored by the Sierra Club and held at the Fairmont Hotel. It was the considered verdict of the 400 people attending that much of interest was learned, and that excellent speakers were the order of the day.

Our distinguished Exec. Committee will again convene on Monday, May 11, in the Club Offices, to discuss and discourse on important "matters of state", and all interested Club members are cordially invited to attend. —EDB

LITTERBUGS IN THE TIDE-POOLS

There is growing concern over the careless exploration and devastation of tide-pools along our Peninsula coastline, especially at Moss Beach. After large biology classes from all the high schools in the area have combed the pools, and weekend visitors by the score have poked about in the pools, turning over stones to find something unusual, the scene is somewhat disheartening. Let's urge good conservation practice in refraining from taking live specimens away from the tide-pools and in replacing all rocks turned over during the investigation to their original positions. It takes several years for nature to replace the life destroyed by leaving a rock overturned.

-The Avocet, April 1959

## Snowshoeing Sans Snow

A final snowshoe trip of the 1958-59 season (April 4 and 5) was almost grounded for lack of snow, but resulted in a delightful knapsack jaunt, as all who participated agree.

Locale was the Dewey Point trail from Badger Pass to the rim of Yosemite Valley, with snowcamping the order of the day. We did manage to sleep near a snow bank and to melt snow for water. Co-leader Doug Peterson led one-fifth of the group (i.e., Rex Smith) from Wawona Tunnel up the Pohono Trail to Dewey Point, while co-leader Phyllis Lindley led two-fifths in from the Glacier Point road. The final two-fifths is accounted for by the two co-leaders, of course.

Sunday the first fifth returned to the Valley floor via Glacier Point and the 4-Mile Trail, the remainder strolling leisurely down the Pohono Trail to the cars at the tunnel. Lacking snow and enjoying balmy weather, we compensated by creating problems with the most complicated car shuttle imaginable!

—Phyllis Lindley

Need used but good equipment for girl, aged 13, going on first high trip—sleeping bag, air mattress, dunnage bag, rain gear.
Philip Eden, THornwall 8-8581

## Vacation--Minnesota

Vacationing in Minnesota, Wisconsin area, leaving San Francisco August 15 and returning August 31. Will car camp across Canada, help drive and share expense with some one driving or will take one or two riders. For further information contact Doug Peterson, 954 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, MOntrose 1-0072, before May 15.

## FOR SALE

New, unused Klepper double seater foldboat and accessories, with spray cover and sailing rig. About $430. Carol Rudnick, 2653 Alpine Road, Menlo Park. DAvenport 6-6200, Ext. 3225, days.

## FOR SALE

Used Hammer foldboat, double touring. May be seen at the Ski Hut, Berkeley. Price $115.

## MOUNTAINEARS HEAR

Wedding bells rang merrily April 4 when Cece Nilsson, daughter of Einar and Annie, became Mrs. Frank Howard Walrond. After a honeymoon in Death Valley, they are living in Berkeley.

Friends among the river-tourers, rock climbers, skiers, knapsackers, folk dancers, etc....are invited to our wedding, First Trinity Lutheran Church, 17th Ave. & East 15th St., Oakland, Saturday, May 2 at 4 p.m.

—Howard Frohlich of the Sierra Club
Irene Rieger, future membership-applicant

"This refers to the Last Write-Up, page 1, and not to the item just above."

My husband's ship is stationed at TI now and will be in the Bay Area for about a year, so we're back "home for a while".

It's sure good to see all this wonderful sun every day. It rained almost every day for the past six months we spent in Seattle.

Hope to renew acquaintances with my fellow Sierra Clubbers while we're here.

—Joan Ferguson, 414-46 Ave.,Oak. 1

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## Natural Science Hike on Sonoma Ranch Sunday, April 5th

An enthusiastic group of nearly 100 children and adult naturalists followed Dr. Allen Barbour on the wild flower hike held on the Ettelson ranch in Sonoma County one recent sunny Sunday morning.

The ranch of 1000 acres is situated north and east of the town of Sonoma. From the knoll on which the group gathered for lunch the hikers enjoyed a vista which reached across the waters of the Bay to the East Bay and south to San Francisco.

Dr. Robert Dennis made arrangements for the trip which traversed some beautiful typical California Coast range land, with sheltered groves of trees nestling along water sources.

During lunch a group composed of Dr. Elizabeth McClintock, botanist from California Academy of Sciences; Dr. Barbour; Joanne Taylor, section chairman; Cicely Christy; Margot Quinn; and Laura and Melvin Smith keyed out plants that were unfamiliar and named others known to them—such as gold fields, tom-cat clover, popcorn plant, baby-blue-eyes, fiddle neck, hound's tongue, Indian paint brush, Indian warrior, and the ever-present poison oak—just to name a few.

After lunch a short trail took us into a redwood forest—an unexpected treat for the day was warm. George Carter, an entymologist, was kept busy explaining features of insect life found along the way.

Mrs. Ettelson invited the assemblage for coffee at the ranch at the pleasant and informative trip's end.

—John Jay Thomas
—Evalyn F. Thomas

## PHILIP FERRY

Will present an illustrated lecture (35mm slides) titled:

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Wednesday evening, May 13, 8:15 P.M.
California Academy of Sciences
(Planetarium building)
Golden Gate Park San Francisco, Calif.
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NEEDED: Two (2) used 17 foot, 2 seater foldboats for a river trip through the Glen Canyon area of the Colorado, during the period of May 29 to June 21, 1959. Will buy or rent. Contact Ed Dierauf, International House, Berkeley 4. Telephone: THornwall 8-6600.

## Business Notes From CTL

Among the items of interest discussed at the last CTL Committee meeting on March 14 were the following:

"Lost Skier"

Because on the March 1 weekend a woman skier had returned to her San Francisco home without informing her two companions at the Bradley Hut, an unnecessary search party was formed, and much time and energy was wasted. Mr. Paul Madden of the Lodge's district Forest Service, came to the Committee meeting to discuss the establishment of a set of rules which would prevent or lessen the possibility of such occurrences. The matter was referred to the Winter Sports Committee for action, and it seemed fairly obvious that education and winter safety should be intensified for Sierra Club members and the general public as well.

Olympic Policy

The Subcommittee has written up an explanation, questionnaire, and application for the Club Bulletin in order to see who is interested in using the facilities of CTL, Hutchinson, or Bradley Hut. Selection will not be made for a few months, but it has been agreed to limit the occupancy of all three lodges to the stated capacity and not to permit snow camping during the season of the Olympic Games except in the vicinity of Hutchinson Lodge.

Summer Rates

Simplification of the rate structure, rather than a change of policy regarding summer rates, was suggested. Summer 1958 rates are to be continued for the 1959 season, with the exception of children's rates for members and guests, which this year will remain the same.

Sprinkler System in CTL

The establishment of a sprinkler system was proposed because of the 90% insurance coverage, and engineers are to be sent by Johnson and Higgins this spring to look into the matter.

25th Anniversary of CTL

Jim Clifford suggested that someone, presumably a Founding Father, write a history of the Lodge in light of its impending Silver Anniversary. Any candidates?

# CTL NEWS

April 11-12

Where are the skiers? Better question —where is the snow? Signal Hill ran for the last time in the 1958-59 season, mostly for the ski patrol who were attending the Ski Patrol Jamboree. Saturday morning two teams practiced first-aid and toboggan handling in competition. Team #1 consisted of Jerry Fischer, Ken High and Roberta Codis with their victim Jean Kearney; team #2 was composed of John Linford, Paul Grunland and Ann Waybur with their victim, Thelma Arlom; the judges were Don McCluskey and Don Huber.

Saturday night seemed to be a popular night for snow camping. Resplendent in tent, prima stove (where's the gas?) and steaks were Ann Waybur, Ann Linford, Thelma Arlom, John Linford, and Don Huber. Seen on the trail up to Signal Hill by those avid skiers Sunday morning were two somnolent forms in sleeping bags who were later (much) identified as Harriet Tyson and Roberta Codis.

Sunday was a busy day for aspirants to 3rd Class Skier status—Don McCluskey led four brave hearts up Mt. Lincoln, with climbing wax and packs. Two made it in time—Ken High and Jerry Fischer. In the meantime Archie Taylor and Dave Johnson were climbing Mt. Disney in an hour's time. Some rather tired skiers returned to CTL that evening.

Etcetera: Bob and Sheila McGillicuddy announced the birth of their second son, David Shawn on the 24th of March. Congratulations!

MAY 1 - Preview of Summer Outings
Live Oak Community Little Theatre
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7:30-8:45 MOUNTAINEERING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
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8:45-10:00 RIVER TRIPS
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In order to accommodate as many as possible, please plan to attend either first or second part of program.

From S.F. take F bus to Berryman Street, walk one block east.

**Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.**

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**

**Whoever kindles the flames of intolerance in America is lighting a fire underneath his own home.**

**HAROLD E. STASSEN**

# DRAMA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Mark Sunday, May 17, down on the calendar as the day to spend viewing the Bay Area's annual outdoor theatrical spectacular, the traditional Tamalpais Mountain Play, which this year will be "The Pied Piper."

"Curtain time" is two o'clock for Josephine Preston Peabody's whimsical drama of the disgruntled piper who charmed Hamelin Town children into following him away as retribution to the townsfolk's failure to pay his fee for ridding the village of rats.

This is the second time in the 46-year history of the Mountain Play that the Pied Piper has been presented. Some of the 100 players in this year's version now are a second generation of participants in the original, 1922, presentation. Totheroh himself was in the original and played the part of the Piper.

The Mountain Play is traditionally a family outing day. Many lunch at a nearby picnic site and others picnic at the theater while waiting for the play to begin.

Adult admission is $1.25; children six through 15 are 50 cents; under six, free. They may be purchased at the theater the day of the play or in advance at box offices to be announced shortly.

# Quotes:

Mr. Daniel Beard, Superintendent of Olympic National Park: "Except in protected areas, we are confronted with the abhorrent spectacle of something precious (wilderness) melting away in front of our eyes."

Dr. Raymond Cowles, Professor of Zoology, University of California: "Man's effect on the earth that bears him is that of a skin cancer, one that may eventually destroy the host and itself."

One cheery note was sounded: Wilderness restoration is going on in a few places. The Great Smokies National Park now contains more wilderness than a few years ago, and many thousands of acres are "coming back" in the Everglades National Forest.

Roscoe A. Poland, HI! SIERRANS

# Notice:

The Mt. Shasta Ski Tour has been rescheduled. It will be on May 2-3 instead of May 9-10, which is the date listed in the Bay Chapter schedule.

—Herb Steiner

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## River Tourers to See New Canyon

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We will welcome a limited number of river tourers without boats as we plan to have at least two support boats along. There will naturally be an additional charge for those who come without their own boats, depending upon the number of passengers carried.

Trip starts May 4 to 8, 5 days on the river. Cost: $55.00 per person. Foldboaters should contact Bryce Whitmore, the leader, at BEacon 4-3752, #4 Live Oak Circle, El Sobrante. If you want more information or can't get hold of Bryce, call Lou Elliott, Chairman, River Touring Committee, OLympic 5-3801 evenings, or HIgate 4-2054.

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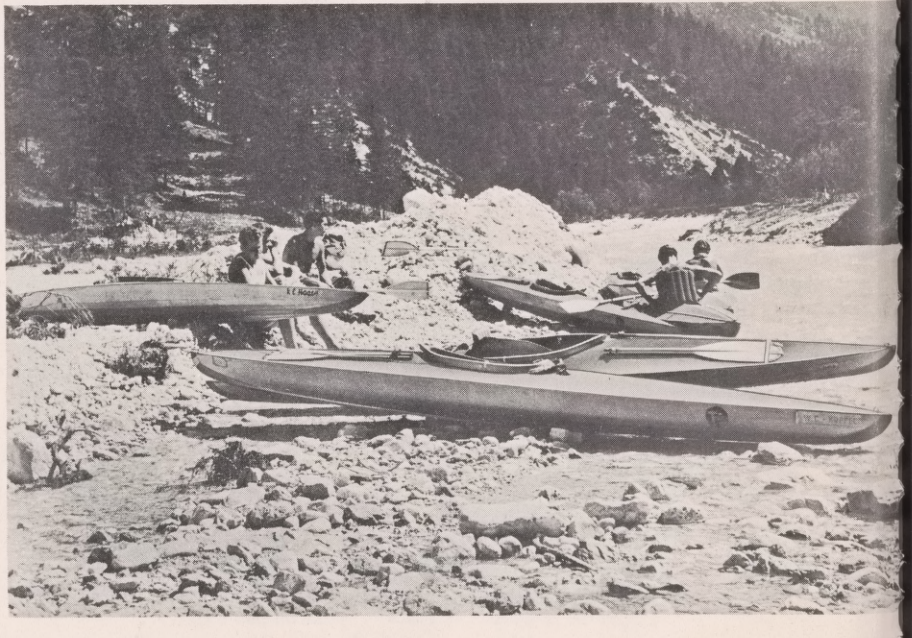

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